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1977 Hoosier Historic Calendar

RAILROAD PARK

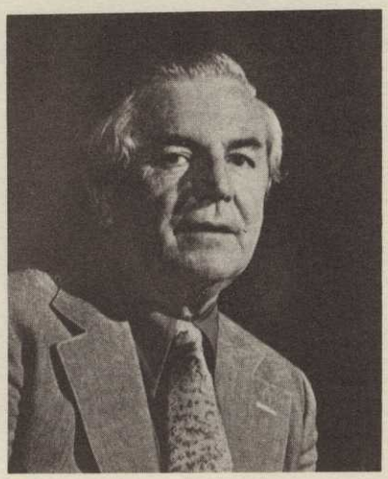
Railroads were recognized as the symbol of American progress in a growing young nation. The G. H. Hammond Packing Company, "1896-1904", the first to ship dressed beef, attracted many R.R's which played an important role in Hammond's growth.

The Nickel Plate engine was a gift to the City of Hammond when Vernon Anderson was Mayor and was placed on land donated by the Hammond Park Board. A refrigerator car donated by GATX, a caboose by Chicago South Bend-South Shore R.R., and a tower that had stood at the Calumet Avenue crossing of the IHB R.R. were recently added.

The Calumet District Railroad Community Committee and its members are to be credited with updating the Memorial Railroad Park.

John W. Bowlby

Chairman, Hammond, Indiana
American Bicentennial Committee



Robert E. Sullivan

General Manager, Western Region, Con Rail Railroad (former General Manager, Indiana Harbor Belt RR)

Harold G. Schmueser, Jr.

President, Hammond Jaycees
Treas., John Schmueser & Son, Inc.

This calendar is a tribute and thank you to those whose effort and time was spent in making the Memorial Railroad Park possible. Many hours were donated in moving and transporting the equipment by the Vance Corporation, the Vic Kirsch Corporation, the Illiana Fence Company and the employees of the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad. Members of the Hammond Jaycees have committed themselves to perpetual care of the Park.

The Hammond Historical Society and The Public Library are interested and actively seeking pictures of railroads and the community.

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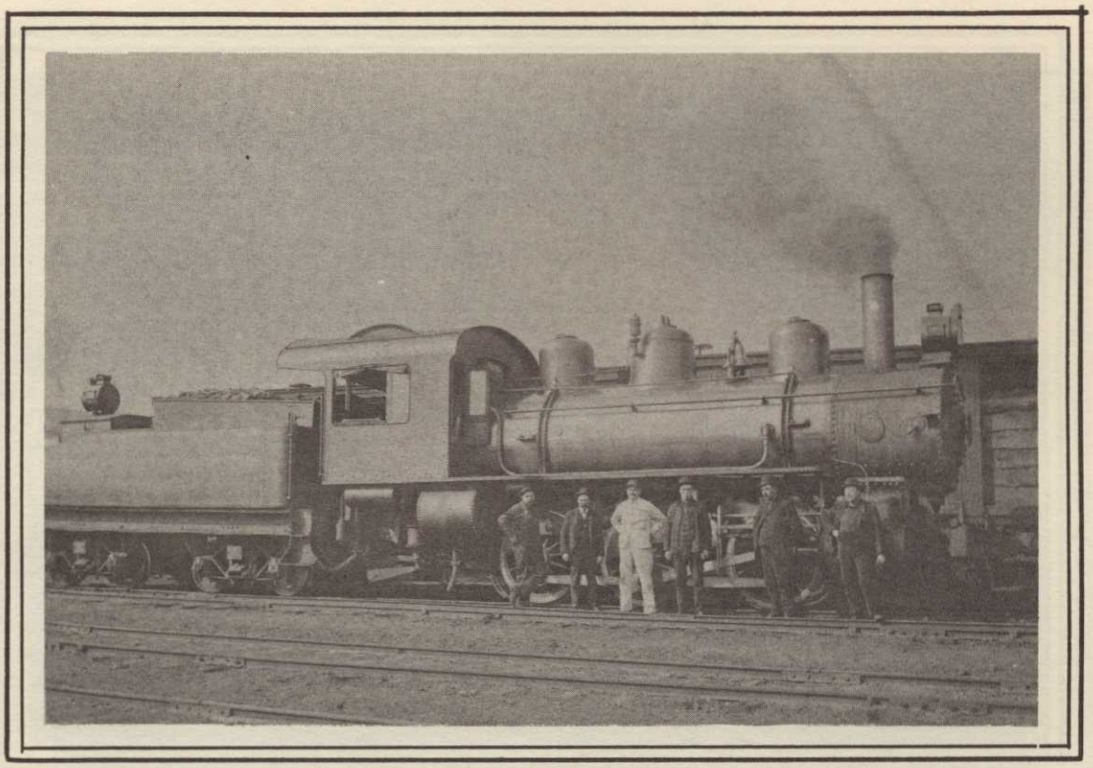

MONON — STEAM ENGINE WITH COAL TENDER AND CREW

In 1882 the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago (Monon), formerly the New Albany and Salem, pushed its tracks northward through the Kankakee marsh to Dyer and to Hammond where they established a yard in south Hammond and a passenger station at Sibley Street.

According to one version, "Monon" is from the Potawatomi word meaning to "carry" while others insist it is from the Indian for "swiftly moving." It is interesting to note that Monon is also the Greek word for baggage or luggage.

Photo courtesy Margaret Burke.

JANUARY 1977

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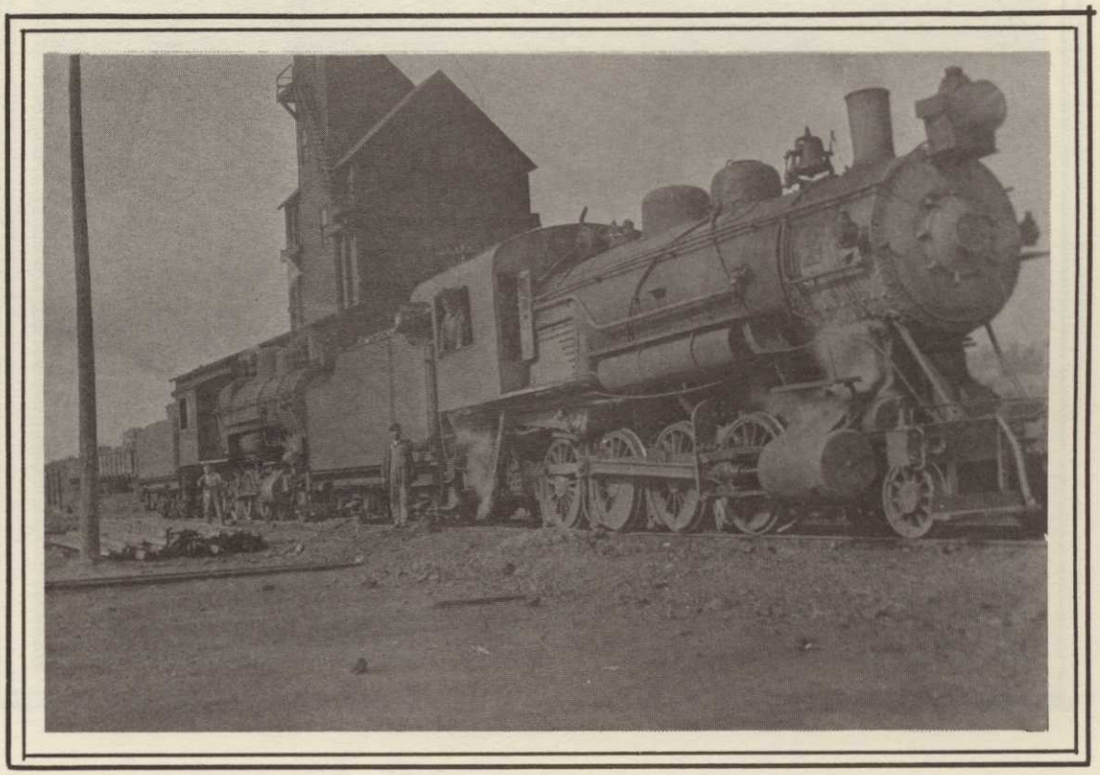

MONON STEAM ENGINE WITH 2-8-2 CONFIGURATION WITH COAL DOCK IN THE BACKGROUND

Hammond resident, Emil Bock is the engineer pictured. An engine would pick up the crew at Clinton Avenue in Hammond and take them to the made-up train waiting for them at the 175th Street yard. The 11:00 A.M. run would leave the yard and travel to Stickney, Illinois. Engineer Bock started with the Monon railroad in 1891 when he was sixteen years old. His first duty was washing out the boilers in the roundhouse. Over the years, he advanced to fireman and then to engineer on the Monon line.

Photograph courtesy Margaret Burke, daughter of Engineer Emil Bock.

FEBRUARY 1977

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20	21 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION	22	23 ASH WEDNESDAY	24	25	26
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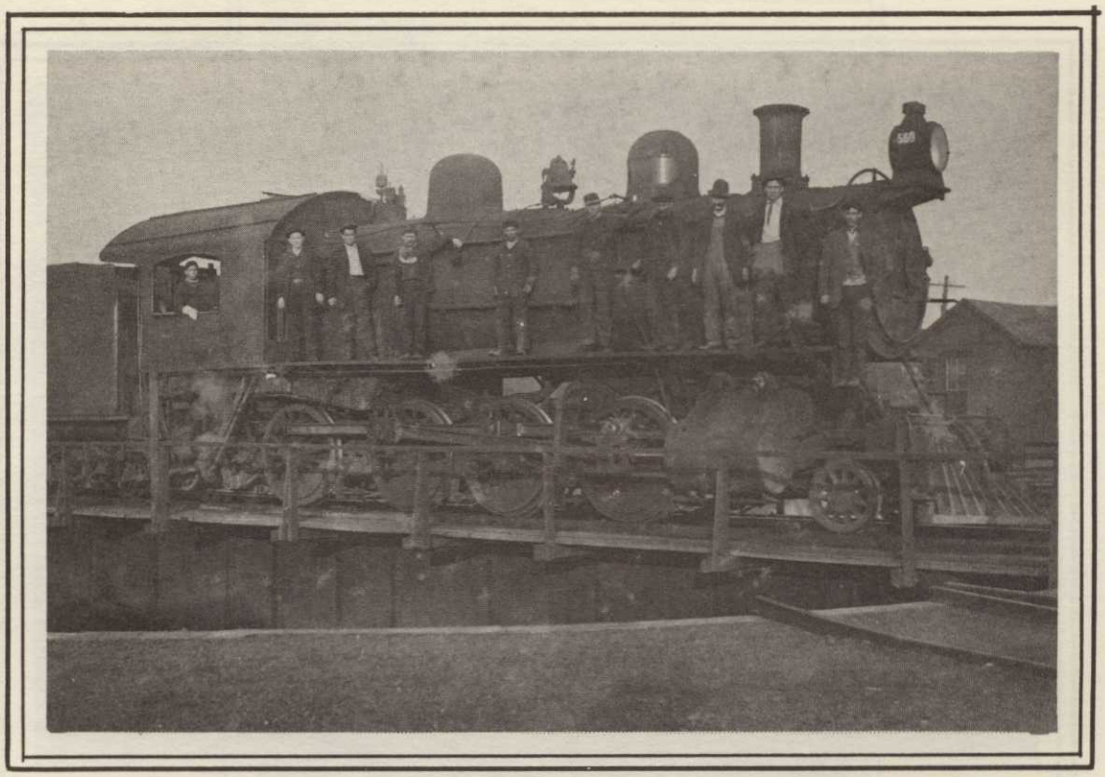

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO STEAM ENGINE #560 AND CREW READY FOR A SPIN ON THE TURNTABLE

The Chesapeake and Ohio entered Hammond in 1902. The C&O yards were located in an area bounded on the north by Kenwood Avenue, on the east by the Erie R.R., on the south by 165th Street, and on the west by Calumet and Euclid Streets. The main line of the R.R. extended due west on Kenwood Avenue to the Monon road and Holy Cross Cemetery where it joined the Pennsylvania R.R.

A small station was used for a number of years at Hohman Avenue.

Photograph and history courtesy Leona Wellsand.

MARCH 1977

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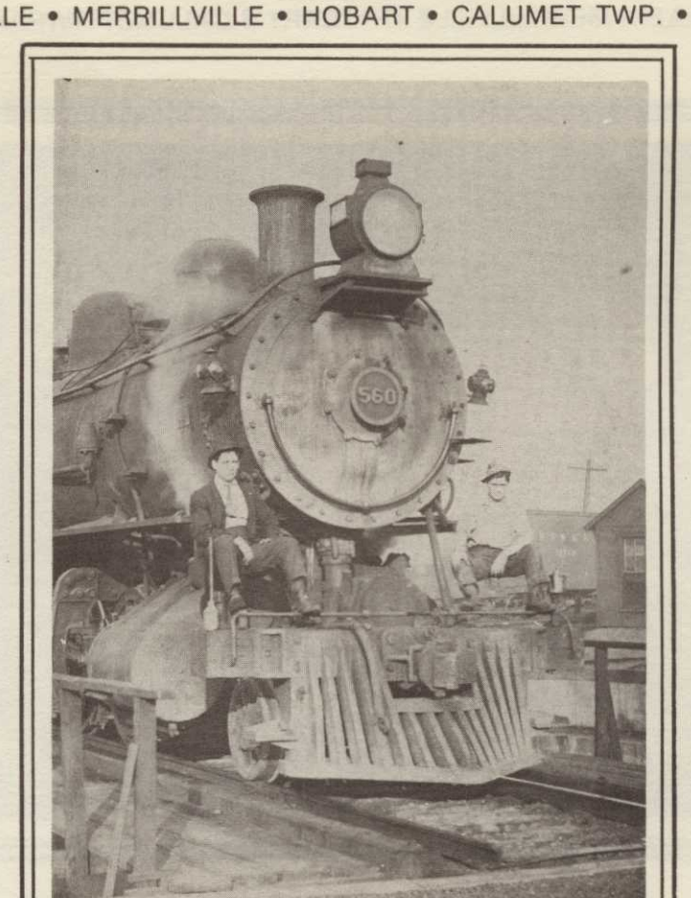

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO ENGINE #560

Seated on the left of #560 is Gustav H. Wellsand who was born in North Judson, Indiana on March 12, 1887. He joined the railroads in 1902 and met his wife, Helen Balzer, when the line pushed through the Balzer property. The north portion of that land is now Gary Country Club.

From the construction crew Gus became a fireman later declining a promotion to engineer to become yard foreman, a position he held until the yards were closed in 1925. Mr. Wellsand remained with the C&O until his retirement, serving a total of 49 years and 2 months.

Photograph and history courtesy Leona Wellsand.

APRIL 1977

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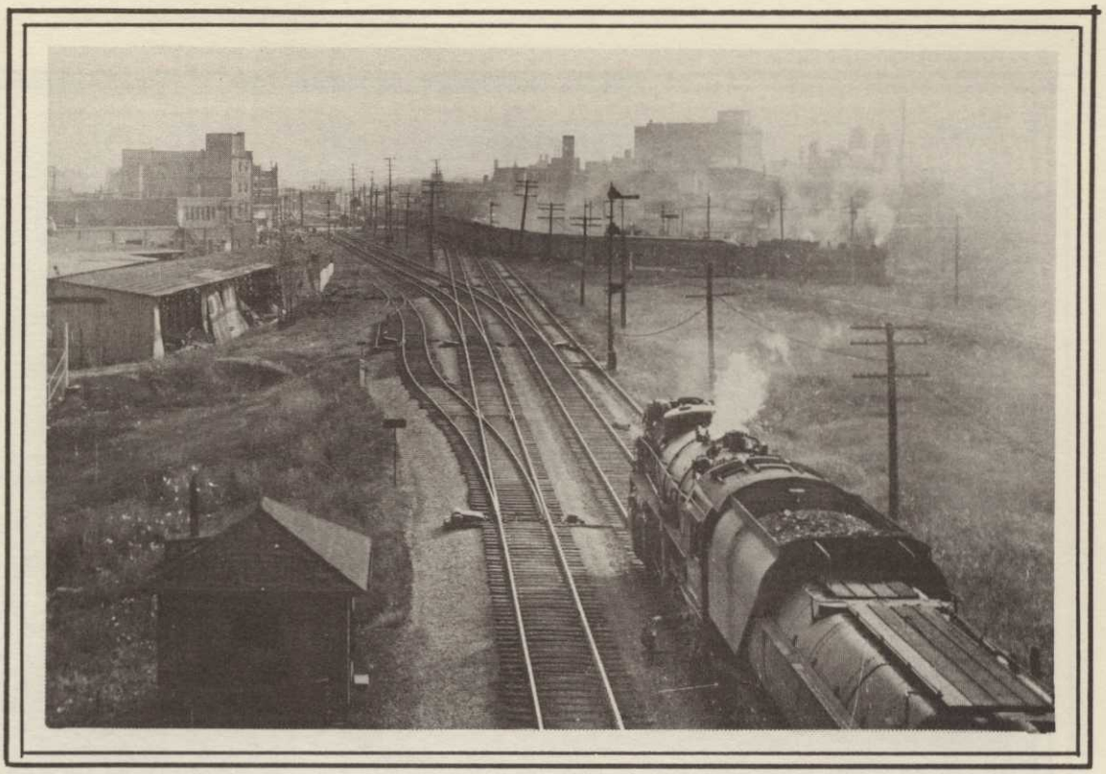

WAITING FOR THE SIGNAL TO ENTER HAMMOND

Picture taken in 1938 shows the cutoff of the Norfolk and Western (Nickel Plate) and the skyline of the City of Hammond. We believe this to be the Erie train, however, it could be the C&O for both ran on the same line when entering the downtown areas of Hammond crossing the Calumet River on the same approach. The engineer is waiting for the signal to enter the Erie yard.

Photograph courtesy johne' wauro.

MAY 1977

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1 LAW DAY LOYALTY DAY	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 V-E DAY MOTHER'S DAY	9	10	11	12	13	14
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29	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31				

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NICKEL PLATE STATION — 1973

The Nickel Plate entered Hammond in 1893 building a yard and several stations - one still stands. A reminder of busy passenger train days, the depot once reverberated to the sound of happy travelers moving into, out of and through the Calumet Region's rail center.

The Nickel Plate entered Chicago by way of Hammond just west of Hessville at 169th Street.

Photograph courtesy The Hammond Historical Society.

JUNE 1977

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NORFOLK AND WESTERN ENTERING THE GRAND CROSSING TURNING ON ITS OWN RIGHT OF WAY

The Norfolk & Western (Nickel Plate) with smoke puffing, steam belching, barreling into Hammond from the north. The train has passed the Calumet River and is about to cross the Michigan Central-Indiana Harbor Belt tracks.

This is a landmark. On the right is Huehn Hall now razed for urban renewal and to the left is the Indiana Hotel building. The tracks on this site are familiar to every Hammondite.

Photograph courtesy johne' wauro.

JULY 1977

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MICHIGAN CENTRAL DEPOT, A LEFTOVER OF A ONCE PROUD AND COLORFUL STEAM . . . AND LATER DIESEL . . . ERA

The Michigan Central Railroad and the Michigan Southern Railroad engaged in a dramatic race to be the first to reach Chicago from the east. Through the aid of Steven A. Douglas the Michigan Central won by using the Illinois Central tracks. The Michigan Southern followed the Shore Line of Lake Michigan entering shortly thereafter. Between these two great railroads the Industrial Calumet has been served. The Michigan Central eventually was taken over by the New York Central line and also that of the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad.

Photograph courtesy johne' wauro.

AUGUST 1977

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ERIE CONTROL OFFICE — DOUGLAS NEAR OAKLEY

This picture was taken about 1908 when John F. Wilhelm (third from left), father of the founder of the Hoosier State Bank, was 35 years of age. Mr. Wilhelm was a building contractor and public spirited citizen.

C. M. Deweise (seated in center) was superintendent. Can you identify any of the others?

The Erie pushed through Hammond to Chicago, connecting it to New York and the Jersey shores, in 1888. A large yard was built at the south end of Hammond. A passenger and freight station were erected between State and Sibley Streets, just east of Hohman Avenue. It was a busy place and a mecca of social and economic importance.

SEPTEMBER 1977

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A TRAIN IS BORN

Daily the refrigerator cars filled with dressed beef, would come rolling out of the packing houses and receive ice from one of the twenty or more ice houses. Cars from the packing companies of Chicago were added and reloaded with ice from many of the shallow lakes such as Lake Calumet, Wolf Lake and Lake George.

In order to accommodate this business, the Erie perfected an ingenious combination of teletype and IBM punch card machines for tracing car movements and recording pertinent information of each car in the train.

The Erie must get full credit for this new innovation.

Photograph and history courtesy **Erie Power** published by A. Staufer.

OCTOBER 1977

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23/30	24/31 VETERANS DAY HALLOWEEN	25	26	27	28	29

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THE WABASH DEPOT JUST OFF NORTH HOHMAN AVENUE — 1973

The Wabash Railroad, the Baltimore & Ohio Central Terminal, and the Pennsylvania Railroad shared a right-of-way between the steel mills of Gary and East Chicago with those of South Chicago to handle raw materials and freight.

The Wabash road built a station on Hohman Avenue just north of Chicago Avenue.

What has happened to passenger service? Railroad operations have bowed to the more modern and convenient methods of transportation — the auto and the airplane.

Farewell to the Wabash Cannon Ball.

NOVEMBER 1977

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THE SOUTH SHORE—CHICAGO, LAKE SHORE AND SOUTH BEND

The familiar orange cars of the South Shore, hurrying through Hammond, are the only remaining passenger trains in Hammond traveling from Chicago to serve the communities of Hammond, Gary, Michigan City and South Bend.

When its predecessor company, the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend railway opened between Hammond and South Bend in 1908, the heavy duty, alternating current line, built to exceptionally high engineering standards, was hailed as a new model for interurban railway construction. Its trains made the trip from Hammond to downtown Chicago in about thirty minutes and because of this excellent service, many residents of the region took advantage of employment and cultural opportunities offered in Chicago.

Photograph courtesy johne' wauro.

DECEMBER 1977

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